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SUBJECT: KEY ISSUES AT 28TH UNGA -- MIDDLE EAST

REF: STATE 163147, LAGOS 7106

SUMMARY: FMG WILL FOLLOW OAU POSITION ON MIDDLE EAST IN BOTH
NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE (NAC) AND UNGA DEBATES. MEA WORKING
LEVEL COULD PREFER SEE NO DEBATE AT ALL AT UNGA BUT DOUBTS
EGYPTIANS WILLING FOREGO EFFORT TO OBTAIN RESOLUTION. END
SUMMARY

1. IN COURSE REVIEW UNGA ISSUES (REPORTED SEPTTEL) IN ACCORDANCE
STATE REFTTEL, EMBOFF RAISED MIDDLE EAST AUGUST 29 WITH MEA
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DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT ADENIJI (ALSO ACTING DIRECTOR,
ASIA DEPARTMENT, WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR MIDDLE EAST).

2. ASKED HOW HE SAW PROSPECTS FOR ME DEBATE AT UNGA, ADENIJI SAID THAT IN LIGHT OF RECENT SC MEETING BEST THING THAT COULD HAPPEN WOULD BE TO DEFER ANY DEBATE ON THIS ISSUE. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT QUESTION DEPENDED PRIMARILY ON EGYPTIANS, WHO HE EXPECTS WILL SEEK NAC CONSENSUS IN ALGIERS FOR POSSIBLE USE AT UNGA. SINCE HE WILL HIMSELF BE AT NAC, ADENIJI SAID THAT, IF OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF, HE MIGHT SUGGEST TO EGYPTIANS THAT THEY NOT PUSH FOR ME DEBATE IN GA AND "COOL IT" FOR THIS YEAR. HOWEVER, HE IS NOT PARTICULARLY HOPEFUL THIS ADVICE WOULD BE HEEDDED.

3. ADENIJI VOLUNTEERED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD EGYPTIANS INCLINED TO HAVE "A NOT SO STRONG RESOLUTION" BUT ADDED THAT HE HAS NOT YET SEEN COPY OF THEIR DRAFT. SYRIANS HOWEVER, HAD PASSED ON TO HIM DRAFT RES WHICH THEY SAID WAS PREPARED BY "LEAGUE OF ARABS" FOR INTRODUCTION AT NAC. WHEN HE ASKED SYRIAN EMBOFF WHAT WAS MEANT BY "LEAGUE OF ARABS," SYRIAN WOULD ONLY GO SO FAR AS TO SAY RES HAD NOT BEEN PREPARED BY ARAB LEAGUE AND ADENIJI SUSPECTS IT WAS DRAFTED EXCLUSIVELY BY SYRIANS. RES CALLS FOR, INTER ALIA, ALL STATES TO BREAK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH

ISRAEL AND ISRAELI EXPULSION FROM UN, AND ADENIJI EXPRESSED DOUBT WHETHER EGYPTIANS SUPPORTED SYRIAN DRAFT. (COMMENT: JUDGING FROM TONE OF DRAFT RES, IT WOULD APPEAR LIKELY ALSO TO CALL FOR SOME FORM OF SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL. RES COULD SIMPLY BE BARGAINING PLOY FROM ARAB SIDE TO SEE HOW MUCH SUPPORT THEY COULD GET.)

4. WITH REGARD TO NAC, ADENIJI ALSO SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT SOME DELEGATIONS WERE CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF NAC SETTING UP SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO RENDER FURTHER ASSISTANCE TO ARAB COUNTRIES. HE WAS NOT SURE, HOWEVER, WHETHER THIS WOULD ACTUALLY BE PROPOSED.

5. ASKED SPECIFICALLY WHAT GOWON'S POSITION WOULD BE ON ME BOTH IN NAC AND GA, ADENIJI REPLIED THAT GOWON WOULD OF COURSE HAVE TO REFLECT OAU POSITION AS ADOPTED IN ADDIS. HE DOUBTED NIGERIAN POSITION WOULD BE ANY STRONGER THAN THAT OF MOST RECENT
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OAU RESOLUTION. IF ME DEBATED IN GA (WHICH IS LIKELY), HE SUSPECTED NIGERIAN DEL WOULD HAVE TO PLAY SOME ROLE IN DRAFTING RESOLUTION, PARTICULARLY IF EGYPTIANS TRY TO MAKE AFRICANS SERVE AS FRONT MEN. NAC RESOLUTION, HE SAID, WOULD MOST LIKELY SERVE AS BASIS FOR ME DEBATE IN NEW YORK.
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED USINT CAIRO.

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